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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

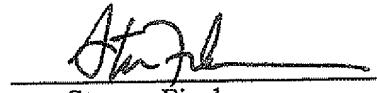
1. US Patent No. 5,941,956 granted on August 24, 1999 to Shirakihara, et al.

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The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the specification. A copy of the above-cited reference is not required under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii).

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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